WARRIORS

SUPER EDITION

MOTH FLIGHT'S VISION

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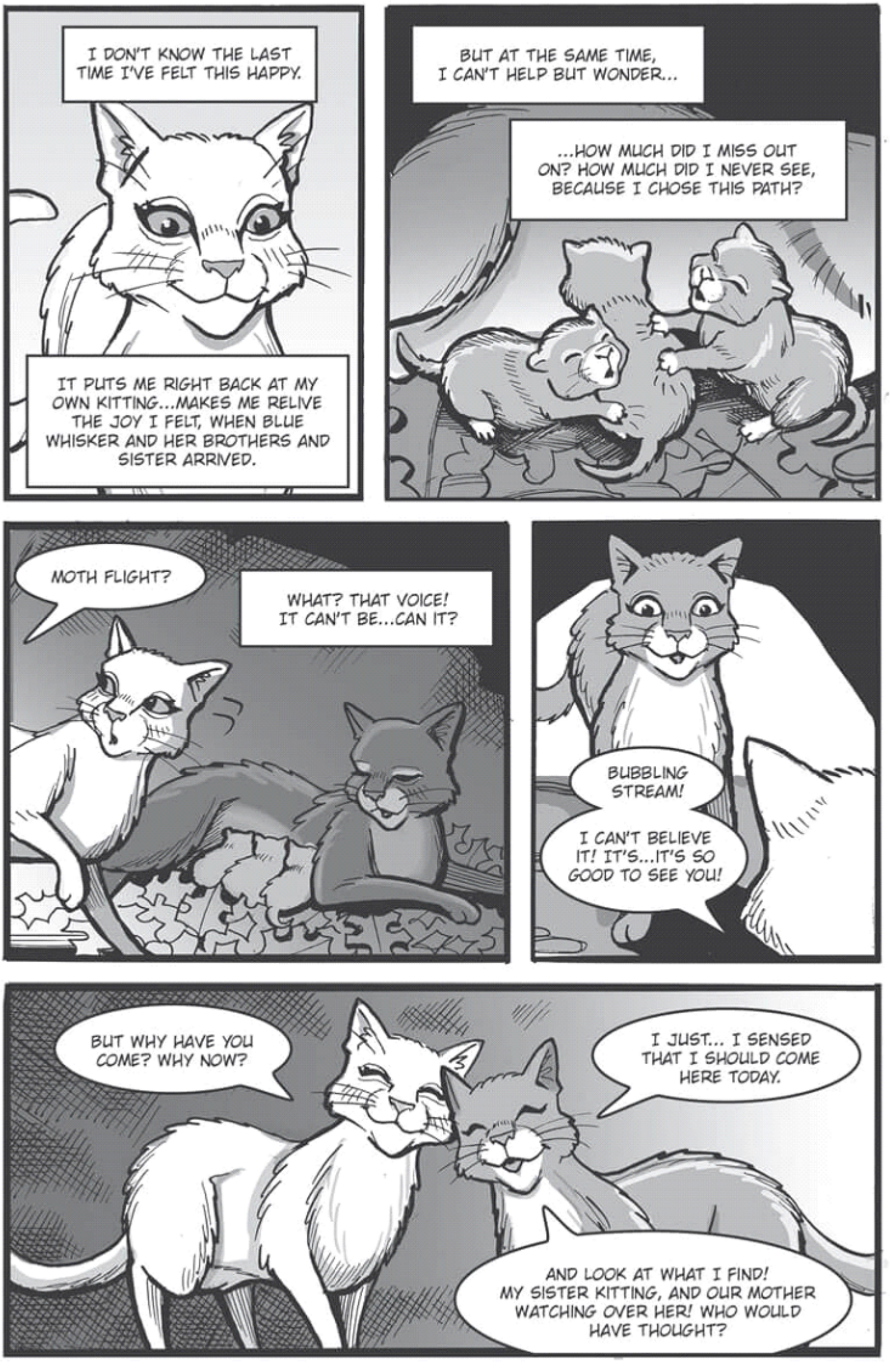
HERE, NOW. THAT OUGHT TO FEEL BETTER.
MY NAME IS MOTH FLIGHT. I'M A HEALER-- A MEDICINE CAT.
I HAVE BEEN HELPING MY FELLOW CATS FOR... A LONG TIME. MANY, MANY MOONS.
NOW AND THEN I WONDER IF IT'S BEEN TOO LONG.
HOW'S YOUR PAIN?
IT'S...IT IS BETTER, MOTH FLIGHT.
THANK YOU.
I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT A RIVERCLAN CAT WOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO PLAY ON ICE, DRIZZLE.
BUT...FLOWER STREAM WAS ALREADY OUT THERE, AND IT LOOKED LIKE SUCH FUN...
YOU'RE TOO OLD TO BE ACTING LIKE A KIT! WOULDN'T YOU SAY SO, BLACK EAR?
OH, I'M STAYING OUT OF THIS ONE.
MOTH FLIGHT!

WILL THESE DO?
THAT THEY WILL, SPIDER PAW. YOU CHOSE WELL.
THE NEXT STEP IS TO STRIP THE LEAVES OFF.
MOTH FLIGHT, I MEANT TO ASK YOU BEFORE--WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO THE GATHERING LAST MOON?
OWL SONG NEEDED ME.
SHE'S...A BIT ANXIOUS ABOUT HER KITTING.
THAT REMINDS ME-- WAS BLUE WHISKER AT THE GATHERING?
HER KITS MUST BE DUE SOON, TOO.
OH, SHE WAS THERE, ALL RIGHT.
SHE'S AS FAT AS A BADGER NOW, BUT YOU KNOW BLUE WHISKER--NO WAY IS SHE EVER GOING TO MISS ANY GOSSIP.
BLUE WHISKER ALWAYS WAS A CHATTY CAT.
I WONDER... IF BLUE WHISKER'S KITS REALLY ARE CLOSE, MAYBE...
MAYBE I SHOULD VISIT?

THE THUNDERCLAN CAMP IS BUSY AS USUAL.
I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE WAY. MAYBE THIS WASN'T A GOOD IDEA.
MOTH FLIGHT! WHAT TIMING!
BLUE WHISKER'S KITS ARE COMING, BUT OUR MEDICINE CAT IS OFF COLLECTING HERBS, AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND HIM.
WOULD YOU MIND HELPING?
I THINK IT WOULD MAKE BLUE WHISKER FEEL MUCH BETTER.
ALL I MEANT TO DO WAS VISIT.
WOULD IT BE TOO STRANGE--HELPING MY OWN KIT HAVE KITS?
BUT THIS IS WHY I CHOSE TO GIVE UP MY KITS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I CAN'T TREAT BLUE WHISKER AS MY KIT--I HAVE TO TREAT HER AS IF SHE'S SIMPLY ANOTHER CAT IN NEED. AND I MUST HELP ANY CAT IN NEED.
OF COURSE, THUNDERSTAR. I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
BUT, WELL... I HAVE TO WARN YOU. IF ANYTHING, BLUE WHISKER'S ANXIETY IS MAKING HER TALK EVEN MORE THAN USUAL.
OH, THAT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, THUNDERSTAR.
I'VE SEEN SIMILAR THINGS WITH OTHER KITTING SHE-CATS.
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, MOTH FLIGHT! OUR MEDICINE CAT TOLD ME WHAT TO EXPECT, BUT...
...BUT I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE AND IT'S ALL SO STRANGE AND I JUST DON'T KNOW IF WHAT'S HAPPENING IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN AND I--
BLUE WHISKER, TAKE A BREATH. YOU'RE DOING FINE.
YOU--FETCH SOME WET MOSS.
YOU--GIVE HER MORE PADDING UNDER HER HEAD.
MY KIT OR NOT, WE FALL INTO A FAMILIAR ROUTINE.
WELL, FAMILIAR FOR ME, ANYWAY.
SOON BLUE WHISKER DELIVERS THREE ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS KITS.
THE EXPERIENCE TIRES HER OUT SO MUCH THAT SHE ACTUALLY FALLS SILENT.
I TRY NOT TO SHOW IT TOO MUCH, BUT...WATCHING MY OWN KIT GIVE BIRTH...SEEING HOW BEAUTIFUL HER KITS ARE...


I DON'T KNOW THE LAST TIME I'VE FELT THIS HAPPY.
IT PUTS ME RIGHT BACK AT MY OWN KITTING...MAKES ME RELIVE THE JOY I FELT, WHEN BLUE WHISKER AND HER BROTHERS AND SISTER ARRIVED.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...
...HOW MUCH DID I MISS OUT ON? HOW MUCH DID I NEVER SEE, BECAUSE I CHOSE THIS PATH?
MOTH FLIGHT?
WHAT? THAT VOICE! IT CAN'T BE...CAN IT?
BUBBLING STREAM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S...IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
BUT WHY HAVE YOU COME? WHY NOW?
I JUST... I SENSED THAT I SHOULD COME HERE TODAY.
AND LOOK AT WHAT I FIND! MY SISTER KITTING, AND OUR MOTHER WATCHING OVER HER! WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?

IT'S NOT REALLY THAT STRANGE, HONESTLY. NOT TO ME.
BUT...WHERE'S HONEY PELT?
HE'S RIGHT OUT THERE! GO TAKE A LOOK!
NO, NO, NO-- YOU NEED TO GET CLOSER TO THE GROUND!
THAT WAY YOU GET MORE SPRING IN YOUR LEGS--MORE DISTANCE OUT OF YOUR LEAP!
TYPICAL OF HONEY PELT. A SKYCLAN CAT, BUTTING INTO ANOTHER CLAN'S TRAINING SESSION AND TAKING IT OVER!
HE'S SO MUCH LIKE HIS FATHER. I CAN PRACTICALLY SEE MICAH DOING THAT VERY THING HIMSELF.
BUTTING IN OR NOT, IT'S FANTASTIC TO SEE THE CLANS COOPERATING.
I HEAR SKYSTAR TREATS HONEY PELT LIKE HIS OWN SON.
ALWAYS ASKING HIM FOR ADVICE ON HUNTING AND FIGHTING.

HE'S SO HANDSOME. GROWN INTO A FINE CAT, JUST LIKE HIS LITTERMATES.
I WONDER, THOUGH...
WILL HE BE AS HAPPY TO SEE ME AS BUBBLING STREAM AND BLUE WHISKER?
MOTH FLIGHT?
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AMAZING. TODAY OF ALL DAYS...
...TO HAVE ALL FOUR OF MY KITS CLOSE AGAIN, ALL AT ONCE.
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I SENT THEM ON THEIR WAY. ME AND MY KITS, TOGETHER.
I KNOW IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU...
...BUT I DIDN'T THINK YOUR FUR HAD TIME TO GET THIS GRAY!

HUSH, YOU! RESPECT YOUR ELDERS!
AND COME--YOUR SISTER JUST KITTED. COME AND MEET THE LITTLE ONES.
HELLO, LITTLE ONES! WELCOME TO THE WORLD.
THEY'RE GORGEOUS, BLUE WHISKER. YOU MUST BE SO PROUD.
ACTUALLY, HONEY PELT, SINCE YOU MENTIONED THE PASSING OF TIME...
...I DO EXPECT TO BE HUNTING WITH MICAH IN STARCLAN VERY SOON.
IN FACT, I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT IT.
BUT...BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS! I DIDN'T MEAN IT ABOUT THE GRAY FUR--YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME LEFT! LOTS OF TIME!
DON'T WORRY. I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOU TO GET UPSET OVER THIS. I WILL GO TO STARCLAN A HAPPY CAT...
...BECAUSE I AM SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU.
I KNOW I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE, ALL THOSE MOONS AGO--

MOTH FLIGHT?
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I KNOW NONE OF MY KITS CAN SEE THAT MOTH.
IT'S MEANT JUST FOR ME.
LISTEN CLOSELY. NO MOTHER COULD EVER BE PROUDER OF HER KITS.
AND I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE ON THE PATHS YOU'VE CHOSEN. YOU HEAR ME?
...YES.
STAY TRUE TO YOUR CLANS...
HELP AS MANY CATS AS YOU CAN...

AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR KITS. LOVE THEM EVERY DAY. EVERY DAY.
I WILL. I PROMISE.
I KNOW THIS IS THE LAST TIME THE FIVE OF US WILL EVER BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS.
AND AS I FOLLOW THE MOTH... THE MOTH THAT I'M SURE STARCLAN HAS SENT FOR ME...
...I THINK MY KITS KNOW THAT AS WELL.
I CAN ONLY HOPE THEY UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM ALL. HOW PROUD THEY'VE MADE ME.
BUT I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT MY TIME HERE IS ALMOST FINISHED...
...AND THAT VERY SOON, MICAH AND I WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN...
FINALLY.